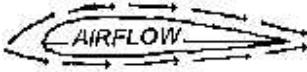


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SAFETY BY CHOICE NOT BY CHANCE

The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

All visitors are always welcome at the Northampton Park Model Flying field and at regular meetings.

Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Salem Church, 60 Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

FOR THE LATEST INFO:
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Hey,

Well, we are at the end of another flying season again. It's time to clean, repair and oil the planes and equipment for the long winter ahead. Or, you can save one model for skis or floats and have some fun on the snow. A few of us hardy ones had a good time at Hasman field last year flying off the snow or frozen ground. A couple of flights every so often in 20 degree weather will make winter a little more enjoyable and make it go by a little faster. Consider joining us.

In the last newsletter I introduced a committee of seven members who have become known as the **Field Monitoring Committee**. The objective of the committee is to monitor all R/C modeling activities in and around our model flying fields, to identifying any activities that the neighbors may find objectionable and suggest appropriate corrective actions so the club continues to maintain a good relationship with the neighbors of our flying fields.

In the first meeting, the committee selected **Trevor Ewell, Dave Perkins and Dick Brook** to conduct the monitoring activity. Included in this month's newsletter is a proposed policy that the committee has written and welcomes your comments and input. In future newsletters and at our meetings we will continue to discuss and evaluate the actions and data that the committee members present. It is important that all members become involved in this monitoring activity. Only with all of us involved can we be effective.

The **year-end picnic** was successful. About 40 members and their families and guests attended the event at the Ski Lodge on October 12th. The club supplied the coffee, soda, hot and hamburgers and the dishes to pass were great. It was a good time.

The **port-a-potties** will be picked up by the end of October and won't return until the first of May, so plan accordingly.

My fourth year as President is coming to an end and I am looking for someone to take over this great position and responsibility. I will continue to oversee unfinished business so the new president can concentrate on keeping us organized. The club has a great Grounds Crew, Training Crew, Field Monitoring Committee, and a good number of people who volunteer when needed. The Club Officers are doing a great job and have one year under their belt and one year to go so the new president should have a fairly easy time. The **election for President** will be held at the **General Meeting on December 10th**. If you are interested in the position, let's talk. Nominations for the position will be accepted at the General Meeting.

The next exciting event for the club other than the general meeting is the **Chili Fuhn Fly on January 1st 2004**. The event will be held at Hasman field. Dick Foster has been planning for the event already and has the runway mowed short. All we need is some members, planes, chili and snow. See you there on the 1st.

Please notice this article contains no "Thank You's". I was told the last article had too many.

But I do appreciate everything all of you do for the club.

Hey, this is kinda short. I think I am finally getting the hang of it.

SAFETY FIRST AND FLY QUIETLY

JOE

County of Monroe

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Rochester, N.Y. 14620

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August 25, 1981

Mr. Dick Smith
300 Steko Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14615

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is the map we spoke of relative to the boundaries for flying at Northampton Park. I feel that \pm 50 feet from this area would not cause any problems.

We have reviewed the rules and regulations as formulated by the committee and hereby approve them.

If there are any changes to these rules, please make certain a copy is sent to me. I am pleased with the way the Club has conducted their operations at Northampton and Black Creek and I will do all I can to insure that you continue to operate at both locations. There is indeed a need for such facilities in this County.

Sincerely,

Calvin F. Reynolds
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Director of Parks

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CC: Roger Greiten
Enclosure: Map



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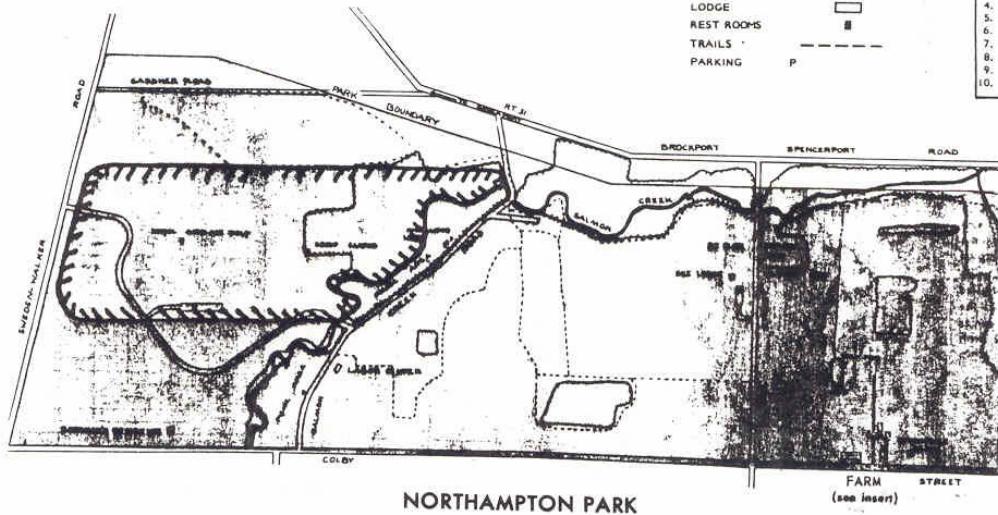


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Policy

Proposed by the Field Monitoring Committee

Recent activity around improved noise control has caused us to propose the following policy:

Subject: Need for Improved flying practices at Northampton

Two recent complaints at Northampton allege that some model planes are flying too high, toward the full-scale flight path, too loudly, and too close to neighbors. In an effort to reinforce and improve our good neighbor policy, we restate and will enforce these rules:

1. No flying above 400 ft above ground.
2. No flying south of the extended safety fence line.
3. No flying west of the west end of the runway except for takeoff and landing.
4. Loud planes are not permitted.

To ensure compliance with these rules, the club has established a Field Monitoring Committee of seven members. A sub committee consisting of three members, Trevor Ewell, Dave Perkins, and Richard Brook will start giving feedback to flyers that are not following the above rules.

To help determine altitude, the Club has a small altitude transmitter that can be easily fitted into any plane to transmit real-time height above ground to a hand-held receiver.

Flying in the proper space to the North and East can be readily observed.

Plane noise is a subjective observation. Most planes are not too loud. The three member sub committee will use the Club decibel meter and a borrowed spectrum analyzer to gather data from planes running on the ground and in the air. But a subjective evaluation of a plane too loud in the air will also be made by the committee members. The Committee will advise members with too loud planes about ways to reduce the noise generated. Methods include lower engine speeds, better mufflers, APC props, quieter engine selection, etc.

If a flyer doesn't reduce the noise in a reasonable time frame from a too loud plane after feedback from a committee member, the flyer will be asked to stop flying that plane... Appeals can be made to the entire committee and then to the Board of Directors. The Park foreman has agreed to help enforce these rules, particularly in the case of non-club members.

The intent of the above program is to promote long-term use of our field by reducing unreasonable impacts on our neighbors. We firmly believe that enjoyable flying can continue with reasonable attention to these guidelines.

The Field Monitoring Committee is already operating. The Committee welcomes your comments about the policy or any test results you may have participated in.



Dick Brook 746-5668



Dave Perkins 328-1215



Trev Ewell 225-9530

